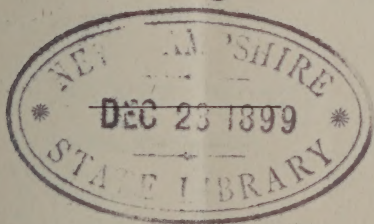


REPORT
OF THE SELECTMEN,
AND
OTHER TOWN OFFICERS

— OF —

GRANTHAM, N. H.,

For the Year Ending March 1st, 1881.



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1881.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

JOSEPH H. GOSS, Treasurer, charges himself as follows—

In my hands, as Treasurer,	1879,	\$335 25	
Recd. of O. B. Buswell, col.	1876,	4 34	
O. B. Buswell, "	1877,	75 00	
O. B. Buswell, "	1878,	100 00	
O. B. Buswell, "	1879,	885 00	
G. E. Hatch, "	1880,	3,144 00	
State, for bounties,		22 60	
State R. R. tax,		39 41	
State savings bank tax,		238 52	
State literary fund,		46 99	
Town of Croydon, Alice Kempton,		7 10	
O. F. Eastman, use of hearse,		2 00	
County, for paupers,		305 39	
Selectmen, borrowed money,		7,330 00	
H. J. Walker, lease, 1879,		12 50	
S. W. H. Clark, " "		12 00	
Rufus Hall, " "		6 00	
Benj. Sargent, " "		14 00	
John Fisher, " 1875,		5 35	
			\$12,585 45

Joseph H. Goss credits himself as follows—

Paid state tax,	\$412 00	
" County tax,	471 16	
		\$883 16

SCHOOL MONEY

Dist. No: 1, J. L. Spiller, Committee,	\$79 08	
" 2, C. Goodhue, "	58 00	
" 3, O. F. Buswell, "	115 00	
" 4, H. H. Currier, "	30 00	
" 5, F. S. Currier, "	48 00	
" 6, Julian Walker, "	40 00	
Union dist., C. E. Thornton, "	65 00	
		\$435 08

DAMAGE TO SHEEP BY DOGS.

H. F. Goss, 1879,	\$6 00
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TOWN OFFICERS.

L. B. Hayward, Supervisor,	\$7 50
J. B. Colby, "	7 50
H. H. Currier, "	7 50
J. H. Goss, Treasurer,	10 00
Dr. F. B. Perkins, school committee,	15 00
L. D. Dunbar, Selectman,	20 00
D. S. Hastings, "	15 00
W. Wallace, "	15 00
	<hr/> \$97 50

BREAKING ROADS.

W. H. Miller,	\$2 10
R. Howard, Surveyor,	1 00
S. Currier. "	17 40
Geo. Currier, " 1879,	2 40
J. B. Colby, "	5 65
A. L. Brown, "	13 20
Z. V. Hastings, "	14 60
L. B. Hayward, "	9 00
Josiah Leavitt,	4 10
N. J. Hastings,	1 00
Charles H. Brown,	7 80
H. H. Flanders,	1 70
H. H. Currier,	1 88
I. F. Peabody,	8 15
Joab Walker,	12 00
O. Nichols,	4 10
M. P. Burpee,	1 90
D. S. Hastings,	9 70
Edwin Howard,	7 00
H. Green,	3 60
J. E. Corlis,	3 33
J. Barton,	1 50
F. S. Currier, Surveyor,	15 43
E. Austin,	9 00
F. C. Leavitt,	2 14
John Fisher,	5 35
	<hr/> \$165 03

WORK AND MATERIALS ON HIGHWAYS.

John Hammon, blacksmithing,	\$133 00
Edwin Howard, work,	17 75
Richard Howard, "	5 20
D. S. Hastings, "	2 00
A. S. Walker, "	5 80
Joab Walker, "	10 82
C. C. Thornton, "	2 00
N. J. Hastings, "	1 00
J. B. Colby, stringers,	6 00
W. H. Miller, "	4 60
L. D. Dunbar, plank,	8 00
G. W. Dunbar, "	9 44
M. P. Burpee, "	1 50
I. F. Peabody, "	14 25
John Hastings, "	1 17
A. L. Brown, "	2 00
George Currier,	1 00
L. D. Dunbar, powder and fuse,	1 06
K. D. Smith, work,	5 15
L. B. Hayward, work,	3 50
W. H. Kemp,	2 70
William Wallace,	3 65
	<hr/> \$109 92

SUPPORT OF POOR.

Benjamin Sargent, for Mrs. Fowler,	\$26 12
Mrs. Hanks, work, "	9 00
Mrs. Lewis, work, "	1 00
Sarah Rollins, work, "	2 35
Dr. Perkins, work , "	18 75
L. D. Dunbar, goods and wood for Mrs. Fowler,	25 59
L. D. Dunbar, goods A. S. Walker,	20 85
Dr. Perkins, goods , " wife,	12 50
W. T. Chase, M. E. Hammon,	24 75
John Hammon, " "	14 00
County, " "	24 00
C. C. Thornton, " "	2 50
L. D. Dunbar, shoes, " "	1 60
	<hr/> \$180 01

COUNTY CHARGES.

Paid for Forest Kempton,	\$32 17
Ira Phelps,	39 00
Norman Thornton,	41 34
Lydia Hastings,	25 00
Joseph Howard,	57 24
Eliza Phelps,	44 25
H. Buel,	66 39
	<hr/> \$305 39

SUNDRY BILLS.

Paid for watering troughs,	\$11 00
Rufus Hall, care of hearse,	12 50
Bounty on 50 hawks,	10 00
J. B. Sanborn, collector's book,	96
L. D. Dunbar, nails,	36
L. B. Hayward, check lists,	1 00
Dr. Perkins, record births and deaths,	1 50
Dr. Kempton, " "	2 25
Dr. Goodhue, " "	75
L. D. Dunbar, two scrapers,	12 00
C. J. Cline, maps and express on same,	23 12
L. D. Dunbarr, paper, postage and express,	3 00
For H. Gault,	58 49
L. W. Barton, error in account,	20 00
A. L. Brown, E. R. Boyce highway,	11 00
A. B. Freeman, printing reports, 1879,	16 75
L. D. Dunbar, record book,	1 50
	<hr/> \$186 18

PAID NOTES AND INTEREST.

V. Manahan,	\$3,446 00
S. J. Baker,	162 17
Chauncey Marshall,	1,843 08
B. F. Goss,	36 00
G. B. Barton,	684 62
J. H. Goss,	32 88
M. S. Barton,	53 70
K. D. Smith,	65 17
M. A. Beck,	2,366 44
Azubah Sawyer,	15 50

Amos Beck,	430 00	
W. H. Howard,	67 06	
J. Hayward,	12 00	
O. B. Buswell,	4 00	
Jona Kendall,	8 00	
A. Quimby,	72 00	
L. D. Dunbar,	555 00	
H. F. Goss,	133 66	
	<hr/>	\$9,987 28

Whole amount received by Treasurer,	\$12,585 45
Whole amount paid out,	12,355 55
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Leaving balance in my hands, \$229 90

JOSEPH H. GOSS, Treasurer.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

THE SELECTMEN charge themselves as follows :

Taxes assessed April, 1880,	\$4,018 58
Due on tax book, 1875,	15 00
“ “ “ “ 1876,	23 73
“ “ “ “ 1877,	195 97
“ “ “ “ 1878,	441 67
“ “ “ “ 1879,	1,272 25
Received of Henry J. Walker, lease 1879,	12 50
S. W. H. Clark, do.,	12 00
Rufus Hall, do.,	6 00
Benj. Sargent, do.,	14 00
John Fisher, lease 1875,	5 35
Treasurer 1879,	335 25
Croydon, Alice Kempton claim,	7 10
County, for paupers,	305 39
State bounties,	22 60
“ R. R. Tax,	39 41
“ Savings bank tax,	238 52
“ Literary fund,	46 99
O. F. Eastman, use of hearse,	2 00
Morey George, money borrowed,	1000 00
M. A. Beck, do.,	1450 00
G. B. Barton, do.,	625 00
John Young, do.,	720 00
O. B. Buswell, do.,	100 00
Guy H. Buswell, do.,	35 00
W. A. Howard, do.,	65 00
Mr. Perkins, do.,	235 00
B. F. Goss, do.,	500 00
Chauncey Marshall, do.,	1600 00
L. D. Dunbar, do.,	500 00
Edwin Howard, do.,	100 00
H. H. Powers, do.,	400 00
John Clarke, note,	487 00
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	\$14,831 31

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By Cash paid Treasurer.

Money borrowed,	7,330 00	
Rec'd of Croydon,	7 10	
Bounty on hawks,	22 60	
Treasur 1879,	335 25	
O. B. Buswell, Col.,	1,064 34	
G. E. Hatch, Col. 1880,	3,144 00	
Lease money received,	49 85	
For use of hearse,	2 00	
Received from state,	324 92	
By taxes abated on several books,	118 32	
Highway taxes worked,	17 54	
John Clarke, note not paid,	487 00	
Due on tax book 1875,	15 00	
" " " " 1876,	18 81	
" " " " 1877,	96 47	
" " " " 1878,	296 66	
" " " " 1879,	348 87	
" " " " 1880,	847 19	
Received from county for paupers,	305 39	
	<hr/>	\$14,831 31

Whole amount paid to Treasurer,	\$12,585 45
Whole amount of orders drawn,	12,355 55
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Leaving in hands of Treasurer,	\$229 90

AVAILABILITIES OF THE TOWN.

Due on several tax books,	\$1,623 00	
Interest on same,	50 00	
Due on leases,	131 87	
J. Clarke, note,	487 00	
Interest in Gault farm,	300 00	
Two scrapers,	12 00	
Note, John Fisher,	35 00	
In hands of J. H. Goss, Treasurer,	229 90	
	<hr/>	\$2,868 77

LIABILITIES OF THE TOWN.

Notes and accrued interest,	\$15,513 85	
Due school district No. 1,	81 92	
“ “ “ “ 4,	10 00	
“ For damage to sheep by dogs,	25 00	
	<hr/>	\$15,630 77
Liabilities March 1st, 1881,	\$15,630 77	
Availabilities March 1st, 1881,	2,868 77	
	<hr/>	\$12,762 00

CLAIMS FOR DAMAGE BY DOGS.

A. L. Brown,	\$20 00	
Joe Walker,	18 00	
A. S. Walker,	10 00	
Justus Hayward,	12 00	
Elvira H. Howard,	27 00	
	<hr/>	\$87 00
Dog tax,		\$25 00

ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

BOOK 1876.		BOOK 1879.	
Chas D. Stone,	\$ 58	William Corlis,	\$4 93
BOOK 1877.		Mary Hastings,	5 50
Jesse H. Morse,	\$3 10	James Leeds,	3 35
Charles Quimby,	2 10	Daniel Morrill,	2 55
Granville Sargent,	2 17	C. A. Phelps,	2 27
Benj. F. Nelson,	4 41	Daniel Stone,	1 62
Daniel Stone,	12 72	John P. Hall,	28
	<hr/>	Wesley Kempton,	2 55
	\$24 50	Louisa E. Lewis,	7 16
BOOK 1878.		Jesse H. Morse,	2 20
Chas. A. Clement	\$3 06	Ira F. Peabody,	2 25
Willis Hall,	2 25	Aaron S. Walker,	2 55
Rufus A. Littlefield,	2 25	A. L. Shedd, dog tax,	1 00
Jesse H. Morse,	3 25		<hr/>
Ira F. Peabody,	2 25		\$38 38.
Silas B. Howe,	2 25	BOOK 1880.	
Wesley Kempton,	4 05	George Horton,	\$2 37
Louisa E. Lewis,	7 43	James Leeds,	2 84
Geo. W. Worthen,	6 16	George Daricott,	2 37
Daniel Stone,	12 06	Josiah Leavitt,	2 37
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	\$45 01		\$9 85

NOTES WITH INTEREST ADDED,

TO MARCH 1ST, 1881.

Methodist Society North Grantham,	\$100 00
J. B. Green,	6 75
Justin Nichols,	17 68
O. F. Buswell,	58 60
B. Kidder,	98 63
J. Sargent,	57 35
D. M. Bean,	114 70
A. H. Powers, three notes,	752 78
M. Pillsbury,	79 30
B. F. Goss, two notes,	1,351 34
H. F. Goss,	1,350 00
D. E. Ryder,	136 00
Etta Ryder,	36 75
A. Quimby	1,653 50
J. Hayward,	300 00
J. K. Kendall,	200 00
W. B. Leavitt,	104 85
M. George,	1,040 00
J. Young,	752 40
O. B. Buswell,	104 00
Guy H. Buswell,	36 50
M. P., three notes,	241 75
J. H. Goss,	1,035 00
M. S. Barton,	1,167 48
K. D. Smith,	645 84
C. M.,	1,439 00
M. C.,	1,552 50
L. D. Dunbar, two notes,	946 15
E. Howard,	100 00
Jennie Sanborn,	35 00
	—————\$15,513 85

Respectfully submitted, by

L. D. DUNBAR,	} Selectmen of Grantham.
D. S. HASTINGS,	
WM. WALLACE,	

REPORT

OF THE

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE TOWN OF GRANTHAM.

The School Committee presents the following report of the condition of the schools for the school year 1880-81 :

DISTRICT NO. 1.

J. L. Spiller, Prudential Committee. Summer term taught by Miss Hattie C. Colby, with measurable success. The class in Appleton's First Reader made excellent advancement. The advanced pupils, at the final examination, did not manifest that familiarity with the branches of study pursued, which results from constant drill, and reviews required sufficiently often to enable the pupils to completely master their work.

Winter term, taught by Mr. Fred. W. Putnam of Croydon. The school was in session but three weeks, owing to sickness in the teacher's family. The school while in session was under thorough discipline, Mr. P. considering it his first duty to secure *order*, and those who visited the school know how well he succeeded. *Order* makes *any* school a success ; without it, time and money are uselessly expended.

DISTRICT NO. 2.

Converse Goodhue, Prudential Committee. Summer term taught by Mrs. Susan G. Stocker. This was a small school, but the teacher employed the time faithfully, consequently the improvement was decided. In no other school in town did the scholars answer so many practical questions, as in this one. Questions relating to the leading features of our Granite State, were answered with promptitude and accuracy. Mrs. S. is a teacher of sound judgment and ability.

Fall term, taught by same teacher with good success.

DISTRICT NO. 3.

Oscar F. Buswell, Prudential Committee. Summer term taught by Mrs. H. G. Clough. This term was one of profit. The pupils at the final examination were quite thorough in the studies pursued. This teacher does not hold to preparing for an examination, but prefers that the pupils should stand upon their own merits.

Fall term taught by same teacher. The order in this school was not quite what it should have been. The larger scholars needed good, healthy discipline. The progress under the circumstances was quite good.

Winter term commenced by Mr. Geo. F. Pettengill of Enfield, but on account of illness was obliged to engage his brother, W. L. Pettengill, to complete the term. Both of these teachers are young men of scholarly habits, and their methods of teaching are in accordance with modern ideas. At the final examination the pupils gave evidence of having been thoroughly drilled.

DISTRICT NO. 4.

Henry H. Currier, Prudential Committee. But one term of school in this district, taught by Miss B. A. Stevens, experienced teacher, good order, few scholars. Progress always decided in such instances.

DISTRICT NO. 5.

Fred S. Currier, Prudential Committee. Winter term taught by Miss B. Barton of Croydon. Upon visiting the school at the commencement of the term, appearances indicated that a good school would be the result of Miss B's efforts. Your committee was unable to be present at the final examination, and Mr. L. B. Hayward, at my request, kindly consented to examine the school. His report was not so satisfactory as we had hoped.

DISTRICT NO. 6.

Julian Walker, Prudential Committee. But one term in this district, taught by Miss Ella V. Walker of Croydon. The scholars seemed to take considerable interest in their studies and made good progress.

DISTRICT NO. 10.

Charles Thornton, Prudential Committee. Summer term taught by Miss Sarah A. Mason of Hanover. Here was a practical teacher, and one whose profession was rightly chosen. Miss M. has attended the State Normal School and has had a large experience in teaching. Her school was a model of discipline, hard study and good progress.

Winter term taught by Mr. Ralph R. Howard of Newport. This was a profitable term for the district. Mr. H. labored for the interest of each scholar. The advancement made in nearly all the studies was very decided.

For the good of a school, the Superintendent may do a great deal and the parents more; but in the choice of teachers, it is the Prudential Committee who gives to the school its head. The appointing power lies with the District Committee. The Superintendent can merely confirm or reject. The several committees have, we think, been fortunate in securing the services of good teachers. Most of our teachers, however, should consider it a duty to attend the State Normal School; the prac-

tical value of such attendance cannot be over-estimated. Your Committee is of the opinion that first-class teachers are the more profitable to employ, even if the recompense is greater, than to engage those of an inferior grade at lesser rates. It is sometimes difficult to secure this class of instructors, as they are induced to accept more lucrative positions in graded schools etc., but if they can be had, preference should be given them. There is a prevalent idea that cheap teachers are the more profitable to employ, as the schools would be of longer duration; but it is the experience of Educational Boards that with first-class teachers and shorter schools, the results are far more satisfactory. Appleton's Readers have been introduced into nearly all the schools; complete introduction will no doubt be made as soon as practicable.

ROLL OF HONOR.

Sarah H. Rollins, Alice E. Lewis, Inez M. Litchfield, Susie Walker, James M. Welch, Harry W. Hurd, Edgar G. Howe, Warren A. Sargent, Leon A. Hall, Anna M. Nichols, Mamie V. Currier, Minnie M. Smith, Vinnie M. Powers, Laura L. Nichols, Jerome J. Gault, Guy E. Currier, Albert A. Stocker, Georgie G. Kemp, Lucius A. Buswell, Guy H. Buswell, Imla L. Brown, John L. Brown, Henry G. Hastings, Charles M. Hastings, Frank E. Hastings, Carl D. Howe, Reuben A. Pinney, Susie M. Pinney, Mary E. Currier, Julia V. Hatch, Nora L. Hatch, Willie W. Hanks, Fred C. Rollins, Orrin P. Walker, Ernest H. Walker, Etta M. Cole, Emma M. Goss, Fannie E. Goss, Cora A. Rawson, Meora E. Ryder, Mabel E. Thornton, Willie Alexander, Otis Brown, J. Henry Howard, Kate B. Clough, Cynthia M. Merrill, Lena F. Buswell, H. Archie Brown, Ora Hastings, Adele L. Saunders, Mary L. Miller.

We are pleased to report so many names, and hope the list will continue to increase in number. Endeavor has been made, uninfluenced by prejudice or favor, to present a true report of the condition of your schools.

Respectfully submitted,

F. B. PERKINS, M. D., S. S. Committee.
Grantham, Feb. 24th, 1881.

STATISTICS.

No. of District.	No. of Term.	NAMES OF TEACHERS.	Whole No. of Scholars.	Average Attendance.	No. of visits by S. S. Committee.	No. of visits by Prudential Committee.	No. of visits by other citizens.	Length of School in weeks of five days	Wages of Teachers per month, including board.
1	1	Harrie C. Colby.	31	28	2	1	29	10	\$20 25
	3	Fred. W. Putnam.	26	20	1	0	0	3	28 00
2	1	Susan G. Stocker.	11	10	2	1	8	7	14 00
	2	" "	11	10	2	1	9	9	16 00
3	1	Harriet G. Clough.	27	23 7-9	2	0	0	9	12 00
	2	" "	30	27 37-45	2	0	0	9	12 00
	3	G. F. & W. L. Pettengill.	29	24 27-35	2	0	9	7	28 00
4	1	Betsey A. Stevens.	3	2 1-2	2	0	6	10	12 00
5	1	Clara B. Barton.	12		1	0	0	12	15 60
6	1	Ella V. Walker.	9	8	2	0	8	9	16 00
10	1	Sarah A. Mason.	15	13	2	1	13	10	21 00
	2	Ralph R. Howard.	8	5 1-4	1	1		12	24 00

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